

REMARKS

Independent claim 1 has been amended to better define the claimed invention and better distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. More particularly, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the photovoltaic comprises a thin film photovoltaic layer, that the battery comprises a separate thin film battery layer, and that the thin film photovoltaic layer overlies the thin film battery layer. This clearly distinguishes Applicant's claimed invention from the primary reference Murasko et al. who teaches an assembly in which a photocell 208 and thin film battery 204 are formed adjacent one another on a substrate 202. Thus, Murasko et al. has limited geography for supporting his photocells. Applicant's claimed invention on the other hand specifies that the thin film photovoltaic layer and the thin film battery layer are in separate layers. Thus, Applicant's claimed invention enjoys improved light capturing area and thus improved efficiency as compared to Murasko et al.

The secondary reference Curtin does not supply the missing teachings to Murasko et al. to achieve or render obvious claim 1 or any of the claims dependent thereon. Curtin merely teaches a thin film photovoltaic cell. However, Curtin doesn't have batteries. Thus no combination of Murasko et al. and Curtin would achieve Applicant's claimed invention.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

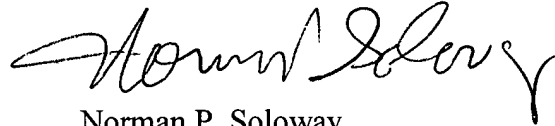
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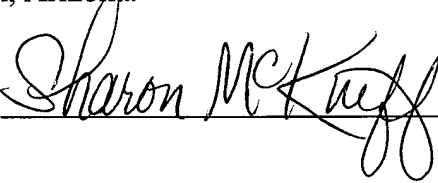


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